

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement – Youth and Children

- Youth services, youth services and more youth services! Continuing to get behind mental health/suicide prevention programs like SOS
- Child Care.
- Youth centre on Phillip Island. Recently completing my 7 years of high school, I know and have seen how much it is needed around here. Being involved in a youth action plan recently, one of the things that the youth around the area thought and said we needed were more services for mental health and general issues. One of the things that was thrown around a bit. I think the youth need more of a say to be honest. They know the people around them and what goes on behind closed doors more than what a lot of adults do. They see and hear what happens around them and their peers at school and at home. We need to help the youth.
- I no longer have children living in Bass Coast, but have advocated more teenage facilities, particularly in built areas like Wonthaggi. The old Coles building, which has been empty now since they moved out, would make a great arcade area for teen activities. I am thinking of things like laser games, air hockey, old arcade games. You could even organise a token system, so it would not be too expensive to use, and tokens could be given to young people in reward for positive activities. It would take a bit to set up, and would need supervision, but would help the kids, and help to make others feel safe too.
- 1) Adventure Playground. Other than the new swing at Rainbow Park Inverloch, there are no parks suitable for middle - late primary school aged children. Currently all playgrounds in Bass Coast cater for the very young and are of the small, plastic type variety. We need a variety of equipment, materials used and more interesting modern designs suitable to a wider audience, including those with a disability. A wooden adventure playground please.
- Improved facilities for youth - swimming pool and indoor sports centre, upgraded skate park.
- More for young ones to do.
- youth services and centres
- The Shire having a greater focus on/investment in/contact with the community instead of what seems like tokenistic community/youth plans in which residents are consulted and more groups are set up to discuss how to address issues instead of direct actions to do so.
- Something for the younger people of Bass Coast to do on weekends and during the week.
- more for the youth skate park, bike tracks and other free activities to keep kids active.
- Youth centres/health services for young people
- More good childcare, before school care in Inverloch,

- More activities for older children/teenagers eg a far more sophisticated Mini Golf park than we in Inverloch currently have (quite an embarrassment), maybe a roller skating arena.
- Employment for the young
- There's nothing for kids o do here need a bowling centre indoor skate park with supervision , etc as I find I'm always traveling out of Wonthaggi to entertain the kids
- more to do for our teenagers
- Better sporting facilities for our kids. A place for our kids to go a youth center or somewhere like that.
- More facilities for youth
- Better facilities for the youth residing on the Island.
- It is VITAL to this towns future survival, and historical reputation of a great place to live, that our council and government immediately and strongly focus on investing in our youth, right now. I have lived here my whole life, and very little, if not nothing has been updated , in the way of facilities eg, YMCA, sporting venues are a joke, outdated and hazardous, kids can't play their basketball games when raining because of the roof leaking! With our population growth, our children are in desperate need of more family friendly town, for all ages! The cinema doesn't even play movies anymore... why?? What is there for kids to do?? For the teenager age group, the movies are fantastic, and as a working mum, would be great for my kids to walk down to watch, instead of having to drive all the way to leongatha. I was appalled last year when my daughter for school wrote to the council to see if they could make the old coles building oppistite the police station into a bowling centre or indoor skate park, and her reply was a page and a half letter back stating and justifying how there weren't enough people in the town to do it.. so sad. As I have said, our kids desperately need things to. The presentation needs to be more appealing and promoting more exercising stations like Inverloch
- The construction of an undercover or weather protected skate park in San Remo. It is fast becoming a very "family friendly" area for tourist and holiday makers. And this would also increase the health and wellbeing of many local children, who only have the children's playground or dangerously jump off the jetty.
- Having a daycare Centre (Tenby Point)
- Youth services, free things to occupy 12-18yr old
- Facilities for youth.
- More activities targeted toward Youth not just focused in Wonthaggi. Youth arts/music festival
- The whole town of Wonthaggi is totally disconnected. Council needs to work with the community to connect the town centre areas (Graham St / McBride Ave) to the area at the back of Safeway (Woolworths) in Murray Street, to Big W and The Plaza. Make McBride Avenue into a more pedestrian friendly area that can link Wishart Reserve to Apex Park and into the rear area of Safeway (this would make a fantastic area for young people to utilise)
- Increase infrastructure, entertainment opportunities, health services and education options for everyone and especially young people.

- youth events and spaces
- how do you keep kids off streets with nothing to keep them busy
- More activities for young people would be great.
- Useful employment programs for the young - more apprenticeships through council works and with contractors (make apprenticeship a condition for the awarding of contracts).
- The lack of children that you see outdoors being active, for example riding bikes on the rail trail. There is far too much time spent on devices and maybe these should be banned at certain venues.
- No real accesible playgrounds suitable for children of all ages snd abilities. No multi court stadium. Changeroom facilities at ovals are substandard and not suitable for children or women.
- The complete lack of both general (recreation opportunities outside of sporting clubs) and specific (mental health, drug and alcohol) support and services for young people.
- I'm concerned about closer accessible services for my kids from the island. Especially in peak period when getting off & on the island is difficult. More mental health access for young people too.
- teenagers committing anti-social crimes frightening people.
- The kids that hang around the front and the back of the library. Someone needs to help them transition back into education.
- Concerned about level of PA in young people: late childhood- adolescents.
- Not enough youth engagement or recreational facilities in the smaller communities.
- Unemployment for the young.
- Young peoples mental health.
- Dalyston is a growing town with many young families and a playground would be beneficial and a safe footpath instead of the main road or uneven nature strips.
- Changeroom facilities at sports fields suitable for young people and women.
- skate park for the children (coves)
- Also a focus on improved education opportunities for youth suitable to abilities
- More programs for children and families during the holidays
- Provide/organize proper youth services (what happened to the Kilgour Youth Shed?) What happened to the money that was donated to provide the Kilgour Youth Shed and why was it not put into purchasing a more suitable space for youth?
- Improve healthy activities for young people eg skating ramps (not on foreshore though) and fencing Grantville park to protect children's play area
- Health services for young people in the area.
- Open this town for business. Establish a culture that entices families and young people to stay in the area.
- a childcare centre in Inverloch, before school care for kids
- looking after the the kids and get better road crossings for the kids and aged care in hot spots and main roads

- To provide appropriate sporting facilities for our kids. Sport is great at keeping kids out of trouble and getting them actively involved in the community. If you play any sport other than afl your facilities in the bass coast are not up to standard. Turn the old CFA into a youth building and get the kids hanging around the streets doing something productive.
- even though we have entertainment for kids there is nothing for young adults or families. if there was a family venue it would get mums and dads out of the pokies and kids off the streets
- Better facilities for youth activities
- Get in touch with 2017 and get out of the stone ages. Bass Coast is growing and times are changing. Your residents need to be looked after. When teenagers have idle time a lot get involved in vandalism. Think of the future.
- More low cost activities for youth.
- Youth space in Wonthaggi.
- A state-of-the-art adventure playground on Phillip Island would provide activity for children from less wealthy families. Beaches are not a year-round option or always practical for families.
- Gaming arcade, bowling, skating, something for young ones and families.
- Better skate park for the kids
- council needs to be aware and helpful of the rising number of grandparents that are now raising their own grand children! We need help! This is a rising crisis that will only get worse!
- Get involved with schools and ask the kids.
- Youth activities in Phillip Island theatre/music/dance/music youth rights!
- Lack of 'Youth Infrastructure' in San Remo and Phillip Island* *
- Council seek funding from State Government to better provide recreational programs from young people, especially during winter to keep them gainfully occupied!
- Anything to do with families/children emphasis being in the environment.
- More for younger people
- More things to do for kids. Teenagers - slate bowl/movies.
- Childrens play equipment/swings/slides at the newly established rec reserve at Surf Beach just off the Esplanade. Open space but nothing for kids to do.
- Activities for youth
- Develop support schemes which encourage young people to stay in Bass Coast and develop skills for employment etc
- Family friendly environment
- Youth suicide.
- Youth services.
- Good and low priced child care.
- Youth
- Not enough services for youth
- New maternal and child health maintained and enhanced.

- Involve our elders in guiding younger community members Harvest elders expertise in life
- More activities for youth and young adults under 30.
- Provide more for local kids to do.
- More for young people
- More support for youth and farmers
- More youth/young adult activities.
- Concern about population growth. How do we maintain the Shire in a sustainable form?
Encouragement for younger people to come here. Foster the knowledge economy. People could bring their work here - we need to sell the benefits of Bass Coast
- Some sort of facilities in the local townships for younger citizens to engage and encourage them to stay in the area **Ditto - I agree**
- Support the Children's Centre to be bigger and better and well funded. ✓
- Kids are the future
- More open spaces appropriate for young people to gather
- Using carparks i.e. Coles as skate parks too crowded
- Activities for teenager years – improved sporting need public area for basketballs, running tracks etc.
- Long term youth plan – with a focus on education and employment
- Facilities for youth on Phillip Island to help occupy them (i.e. Skate Park for San Remo / Cowes) and help entertain. Healthy life healthy kids * **Yes Yes a must ASAP**
 - Support for early years – help to reduce disadvantage at this stage
- No youth space – **with services ****
- Strength: BVCC needed to happen so parents can work
- Weakness: Kids are bored = trouble
- Opportunity: JLM Kinder should be utilised – don't destroy
- Threat: No activities for teens and young adults – can lead to crime **
- Improvement of facilities for children's' play ***
- More community activities for children *
- Facilities for our youth – football, cricket, soccer, gymnastics ***
- Youth club in Inverloch
- Youth – (education, employment, health and mental health services)
- Lack of services for youth and mental health services ✓
- Better youth activities and spaces *
- Focus on youth development and support **
- Support for schoolies, they are our future *
- Encourage Youth *
- Public wifi for kids
- more kids activities
- Youth hub partnership developed
- Council to play a role as Youth Services providers Youth hub for Bass Coast

- Invest in a new library for Phillip Island and purpose built library in Wonthaggi co located with a youth hub
- The youth of the area need some looking after with proper services that they can access easily, and things to involve them in the community, eg help others to help yourselves.
- Activities for young people
- Drug use, mental health and crime, particularly in under 25's. sorry, I don't have an answer. Just keep supporting youth activities and services.
- youth issues
- Children's fitness, make it interesting and exciting for them to be out and about
- After school activities for primary aged children **
- A youth club or shed Wonthaggi.
- More games and more kids books (Veronica 4yrs)
- Support wet weather activities over winter – Buckle Down for the winter!
- More youth activities – youth space.
- Youth Hub for Wonthaggi
- There is one (Youth hub) at the garden shed Wednesday 4pm.
- Permanent Youth Space.
- Kids play centre Phillip Island.
- Not enough things for young people
- Sporting clubs who turn a blind eye to underage drinking.
- People/kids being bored in Dalyston
- Support employment of youth and youth activities.
- Improve infrastructure for the young. Create more jobs
- More things for kids to do
- We need to build facilities that encourage the youth off the streets and into worthwhile activities
- Better childcare facilities
- Lack of childcare/crèche facilities for local families (to enable covers employment opportunities)
- Keep giving them something to do so as to keep them out of trouble.
- Improved community facilities for youth to utilise
- Teenage hangout centre.
- Youth centres/activities (5)
- Youth events
- Youth space